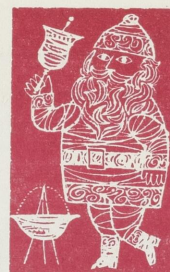




NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 29, 8PM  
St. Paul's Church, 2430 K St., NW

NO DECEMBER FBA MEETING



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## ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 730 23rd Street, NW, has recently been designated a landmark in Washington, D.C. The late Victorian structure was designed by James Renwick, a leading 19th Century architect who also designed the Smithsonian Institution Building and the original Corcoran Gallery of Art, recently reopened as the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery.

"In addition, St. Mary's represents a landmark in the history of the black American's struggle for equal rights and human dignity. As its original name implies, 'St. Mary's Chapel for Colored People' was a place where black people could worship without being subjected to the discriminatory rules of white people of the time. The unwritten law was firm—pews in remote corners for 'people of color,' white before black when receiving Holy Communion, no celebrations of marriages of blacks or services to honor the dead in the white man's House of God and segregated classes for the children."

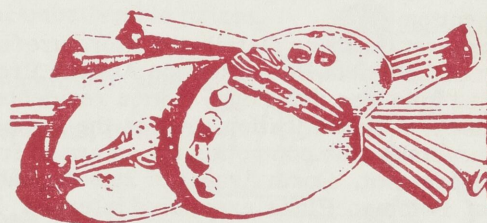
In 1865, the last year of the Civil War, the first plans for a black people's church were made. Due to the post-war influx of freed slaves to Washington,

nearly tripling the black population in size, the tolerant antebellum atmosphere of the city disappeared. Despite common ancestry, the newcomers were considered to be lower class, and thus found a need for identity by forming their own social, political, literary, and religious groups.

"In 1866, the Episcopal clergy formed a Washington Convocation for the purpose of 'collecting and organizing congregations in destitute localities and encouraging the building of new churches.'"

The first structure, on the 23rd Street lot in Foggy Bottom, (then a sparsely settled and predominantly black area), was the chapel formerly attached to Kalorama Hospital. The chapel, originally scheduled to be torn down for lumber, was salvaged at the suggestion of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. It was carefully torn down and rebuilt on the Foggy Bottom lot, which was a gift from Mrs. Catharine Pearson. This was Washington's first church building exclusively for black Episcopalians. In June 1867, the opening service of St. Barnabas Mission (as it was first called) was held. That September, the name was changed to St. Mary's Mission.

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## EXHIBITORS SOLICITED FOR SECOND ANNUAL FBA ART SHOW, MARCH 3rd

Following last April's smashing success, the Foggy Bottom Association is holding its Second Annual Left Bank Art Show and Wine Tasting Event. It will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, from 1 to 6 PM at St. Stephen's Parish Hall, corner of 25th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Artists, craftsmen and photographers, amateur and professional, are invited to display (and sell) their wares. Also welcome are delicious edibles. Display space is limited, so call early to reserve yours! Telephone Dennis Williams at 735-1551 during business hours.





## INNER VOICES

photo by Alice Plaisted

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FBA MEETING, NOVEMBER 27, 1972

#### Fund Raising Projects for Foggy Bottom Betterment

Dennis Williams discussed plans for the December FBA dance, and talked about ways the Association could use whatever money is raised from this event. Perhaps a gift could be made to the West End Branch of the D.C. Public Library, for example. Do you have other ideas? If so, please let one of the FBA officers know your thoughts.

#### Beautification

Margaret Cullhane distributed literature from the District of Columbia Beautification Awards Program, and asked for ideas that Foggy Bottom residents might have about a beautification project the Association could undertake thus competing for an award from the D.C. Government. Dorth Arnold of 26th St., and Mary Healy of Potomac Plaza expressed interest. Do you have some thoughts on this? If so, call Mrs. Cullhane at 965-5185. This will be a subject of discussion at future FBA meetings.

#### Inner Voices of Lorton

Following the business meeting, FBA meeting attendees were fortunate to see the program of the Inner Voices, making a return visit to our neighborhood after a very successful performance here last year.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This office has received your letter of November 1st concerning collections at the mail receptacles in the Foggy Bottom Area.

In compliance with existing service standards, arterial collection points have been established at various points to provide later weekday service as well as Saturday, Sunday and holiday collections. These boxes are identified by a white star on the side. The star boxes in your area providing a 4:30 p.m. weekday collection are located at 25th and Eye Sts., 26th and Queen Anne's Lane, and 26th and Virginia Avenue. These boxes receive a 5:45 p.m. Saturday collection and a 4:45 p.m. Sunday and holiday pickup. A double-starred "Night Owl" receptacle, receiving an 8 p.m. collection Monday through Friday, is located at 31st & M Streets, N.W.

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## ST. MARY'S (from page one)

By 1882, though the number of communicants was small at St. Mary's, there were 128 girls enrolled in the sewing, embroidering, and cooking classes offered by St. Mary's Industrial School held in the church. These programs became so popular that an unpretentious one-story brick schoolhouse was added directly behind the chapel.

In 1883, it was decided that a larger, more impressive (though inexpensive) church was needed. Judge and Mrs. J. C. Bancroft Davis, staunch supporters of St. Mary's, were instrumental in this decision. In 1885, with \$3,250, the lot to the south of the original site was purchased, and a "competent architect" was sought. The budget for building the church, exclusive of supervision, part of the foundation work, and the stained glass and interior furnishings donated by parishioners, was only \$6,000.

The new buildings were to be constructed on the perimeter of the lot and the remaining portion enclosed with a brick wall. To be included in the chapel was a relatively large chancel with an "appropriate arch", an organ and robing rooms. Also needed would be a small building for offices and living quarters. Because of the limited funds available, "brick construction, exposed on the interior, a simple roof and cement floors" were decided upon. A Gothic style was preferable, unless a Norman round-arched form proved to be cheaper. Renwick submitted two sets of plans. The second, simpler and less costly, set was approved (but barely, as the cost still far exceeded \$6,000). Rather than reject the plans altogether, the vestry and buildings committee increased the budget to \$15,000. Construction was begun, and the opening service was held January 20, 1887.

"Restricted by the small budget and the preference to place the buildings on the perimeter of the site, Renwick stressed form, mass and structure and reserved most of the architectural embellishment for three important parts of his design. The low, simple lines of the facade, typical of late Victorian architecture, were accented by the picturesque tower with its well-proportioned entrance of moulded brick and freely designed terra cotta panels. Inside the church, the focal points were the clearly articulated chancel, enframed by an arch of contrasting brick and the handsome timber roof of the nave. Unfortunately, only one of the windows, a choice example from the Tiffany studios, was filled with the rich, deeply colored glass specified in the original plan. The windows would have subdued the harshness of the red and buff brick walls and created a more harmonious relationship between the nave and the extremely opulent chancel.

"Money was not a major consideration in the decoration of the interior. The impressive altar windows, carved oak furniture, patterned tile and red marble floors, handsome bronze sanctuary rail and polychromatic stenciling of the walls were gifts from members of the parish. To ensure complete harmony of design, however, each item was ordered by Judge Davis and subsequently paid for by the donor.

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"The stained glass was designed and executed according to Judge Davis' specific instructions by the firm Renwick considered the finest in the world, Lorin of Chartres, France. Judge Davis chose ethnically related subjects (St. Simon's tawny Arab coloring was even accentuated at Davis' request) and suggested using Gothic motifs. Designs for all the chancel furniture were included in the original plans and made in New York City under the architect's supervision.

"With minor exceptions, Renwick's buildings at St. Mary's have not been altered since the opening service 85 years ago. Although an extremely modest project when compared with his designs for St. Patrick's Cathedral or even Grace Church in New York City, St. Mary's incorporated the most advanced architectural principles of the period. Contemporary critics, in reaction to the earlier eccentricities, were asking for an indigenous style and for an architecture of harmony, dignity, functional and structural honesty. Renwick's small church satisfied all these demands."

Information and quotations taken from "Renwick's Church for Blacks", Historic Preservation, Vol. 24, No. 3, July-September, 1972, the quarterly magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. AKL.



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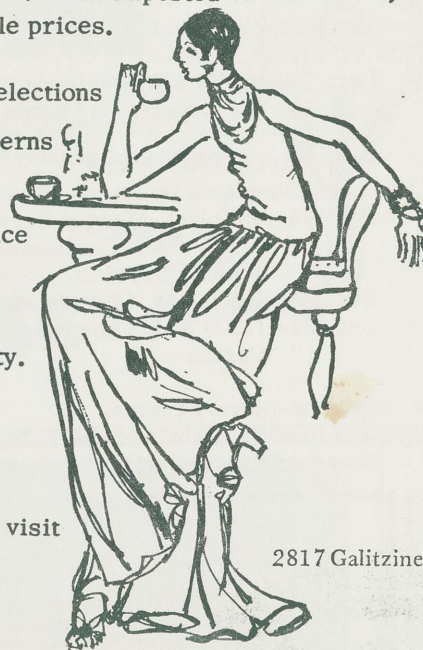
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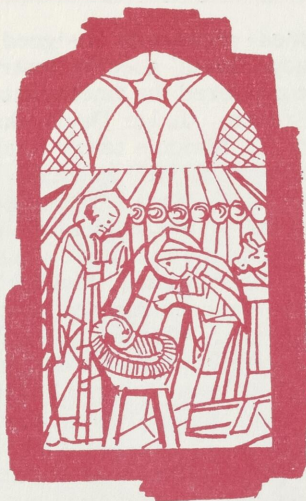
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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN FOGGY BOTTOM

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Dec. 24—11:30 PM, Christmas Eve Services  
Dec. 25—8:00 & 10:00 AM, Christmas Day Services

Concordia United Church of Christ  
1920 G Street, N.W.

Dec. 17—3:00 PM, Washington Saengerbund  
Christmas Concert  
Dec. 24—11:00 AM, Morning Worship Service  
4:00 PM, Christmas Worship Service  
for the German-Speaking Community  
6:00 PM, Christmas Eve Worship Service  
(in English) Fellowship Hall

Union United Methodist Church  
814 - 20th Street, N.W.

Dec. 24—11:00 AM, Regular Worship Service  
8:00 PM, Combined Christmas Eve  
Service at Western Presbyterian  
Church

Western Presbyterian Church  
1906 H Street, N.W.

Dec. 24—8:00 PM, Combined Christmas Eve Service  
with Union United Methodist Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
730 - 23rd Street, N.W.

Dec. 24—4:30 PM, Manger Service  
11:00 PM, Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service  
Dec. 25—10:30 AM, Christmas Day Service  
Dec. 31—11:00 AM, Festival of Lessons and  
Carols

St. Stephens-Martyr Church  
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## FOGGY DOINGS

A FB welcome to JAKE and MARGARETHARSH-BARGER, new home owners in the 900 block of 25th. He's with AID and they hope to be here "long enough to pay off the mortgage." Their desire to stay put is understandable, since they were among those evacuated to Afghanistan from Bangladesh.

FBA Board Member BILL BUCHANAN is a man of many talents. His devotion to making Foggy Bottom and the city a better place to live—especially one with fewer highways—is well known. Then up comes an article by him in The Washington Post on the subject of the problems of immigration. He is a man of wide interests!

The November meeting of the FBA featured a presentation by the well-known "Inner Voices" from Lorton Reformatory. Perhaps not as well known is the fact that a former FB resident is Lorton's Deputy Superintendent. He is EMMET SARSFIELD, who formerly lived in Jefferson House and The 25.

Travel notes: MORELLA HANSEN is back from a trip to Peru and Chile where she visited NATHANIEL and ELIZABETH DAVIS. The Davises hope to get home during the summer, after the elections in Chile are completed. . . . LESLIE WILDER saw parts of Greece and Yugoslavia on a vacation recently, then visited Nevada on business for the U.S. Travel Service. She reports she did not catch the gambling bug in Las Vegas. . . . LES and KATHE JANKA slipped away right after the election for a long weekend in Jamaica. Les works for another famous traveler, Dr. Henry Kissinger. Kathe is starting a new job with the National Training and Development Service.

HARRIET GRUGER'S travels have taken her back to Seattle and a new house built especially for her. The view from the new house is of Puget Sound, slightly different from that of her FB house. Another neighbor, BOB KEITH, purchased her house in early December.

That plucky lady on 25th Street, whose quick action helped police apprehend two men who assaulted and robbed her neighbor, was recognized for her achievement. She received a good citizen award from Chief Jerry Wilson of the Metropolitan Police at a ceremony at City Hall.

Happy Holidays and a Peaceful New Year,

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# Soupcor \*

by Dorth Arnold

Some of the Bottom's single men have asked me to write a menu which is easy and quick for them to make. Here are two casseroles which, with a salad, wine and dessert, would make delicious party fare and both of them are simple to prepare.

Nuts  
Olives, black and green  
\*Beans in Red Wine or  
\*Clam Casserole  
Hot Garlic Bread  
Tossed Green Salad  
Wine - red with beans  
          white with clams  
Pecan Pie from your store's freezer  
Coffee

## \*Beans in Red Wine (for 4)

Fry 1/2 pound chopped bacon until it is crisp. Remove it from the pan and drain it on paper towels. Place it then in a 2-quart casserole. Add 1/2 pound of chunks of ham, 2 cans drained red kidney beans, 2 small cans Hunt's tomato sauce, 1 chopped green pepper, 2 chopped onions, 1/2 t. dry mustard and 2 T. brown sugar. Stir well. If you are in no hurry to eat put this casserole in a 325 degree oven for an hour or an hour and a half.

## \*Clam Casserole (for 4)

Boil 1/2 pound green Spinach Noodles in 2 quarts of water until tender. Drain and put in a 2-quart casserole. Add the following: 2 cans Mushroom Soup, 2 seven-ounce cans minced clams, 1 pint sour cream, three fourths cup white wine, 2 T. chopped onion, 2 t. Worcestershire Sauce, 2 t. curry powder, 1 T. chopped parsley, a pinch of Oregano, dash of Paprika and salt to taste. This only needs to be heated thoroughly.

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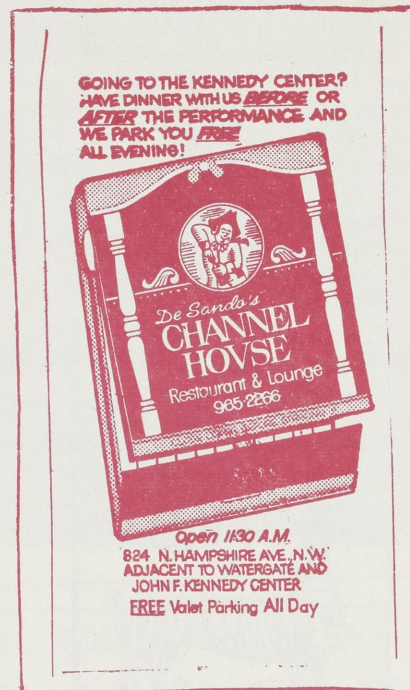
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Betty Winspear, who lives in the red house at No. 8 Snows Court, has good reason to wish that Bottomites and their visitors who tuck their cars away illicitly across from her house would obey the law and, at the same time, "have a heart." Her front stoop has been hit twice recently by moving vans trying to get into the Jefferson House delivery drive and impeded by parked cars. "For some reason," she says, "the truck drivers would rather hit a brick stoop than a parked car any day." Her brick stoop has been restored now, at considerable expense, and Betty is hoping that a good-neighbor policy will help her to keep it that way.

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December, January, February (1972-73)

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Feb. 25 --Cunningham Falls, Catocin Mountain, Md. (7 or 8 miles)

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Jan. 2-3	All About Eve Gentlemen Prefer Blondes
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